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Marlene Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications, Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners, Clyburn, Copps, and McDowell:

On behalf of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance, a collaborative economic development effort by the Bay Area, Midland Area and Saginaw County Chambers of Commerce and Bay Future, Midland Tomorrow and Saginaw Future Inc., I am writing to encourage your swift approval of the merger between T-Mobile and AT&T (WT Docket No. 11-65).

The Alliance's mission is to support programs and policies that will help regional businesses, and by extension our regional economy continues to grow and expand. We are also focused on creating a community that attracts some of the state's and the nation's top talent. Integral to these two goals is having the best business and educational tools available to our companies and the workers who support them and send their children to school here.

The region the Alliance represents is largely rural and lags behind our more urban counterparts in access to some of the most state-of-the-art communications technology out there. One example is high-speed mobile broadband. The T-Mobile/AT&T merger has the potential to bring that access to our area. AT&T estimates that, if this merger were allowed to go through, it could extend access to its 4th Generation LTE network to more than ninety seven percent of Americans, including most of the Saginaw area. 4th Generation LTE would give our businesses the ability to utilize some of the most competitive business platforms and would also give our students better access to distance learning programs.

Michigan's economy is clearly still struggling and nowhere is that more apparent than in the rural areas of our state. This merger could help our region grow and prosper; please approve it.

Sincerely,

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Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance